

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – The Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 28 June 2018

Meeting time: 08.50 – 12.46

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle AM (Chair) Michelle Brown AM Hefin David AM John Griffiths AM Llyr Gruffydd AM Darren Millar AM Julie Morgan AM Mark Reckless AM
Witnesses:	Kirsty Williams AM, Cabinet Secretary for Education Carla Lyne, Welsh Government Steve Vincent, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Gareth Rogers (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Joe Champion (Researcher)



	Michael Dauncey (Researcher)
	Sian Thomas (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members, there were no apologies.

2 Scrutiny session with the Cabinet Secretary for Education

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Cabinet Secretary.

2.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide the following:

- A note on the business cases submitted by local authorities for the £16 million Revenue element of the funding to reduce infant class sizes and how these compared to the amounts allocated.
- A note on the breakdown of the allocation of the Capital element of the funding.
- A note on the terms and conditions of the Revenue and Capital elements of the funding to reduce infant class sizes.
- Figures on how many infant classes contain more than 25 pupils at present and how many will do so after the duration of the committed funding.
- A note on how many pupils will benefit from being in smaller classes as a result of the funding.
- To keep the Committee updated on the latest documents available on emerging curriculum content.
- To provide copies of the impact assessments that have been undertaken regarding decisions to change the way support for Minority Ethnic and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller children is funded.
- A note on the positions of traveller education services across Wales.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

- Letter from the Welsh Language Commissioner to the Minister for Welsh Language and Life Long Learning – Position of the Welsh language in apprenticeship programmes in Wales
- Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's draft budget
- Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill – Additional information from Cwlwm following meeting on 24 May
- Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill – Additional information from Estyn following meeting on 6 June
- Letter from the Welsh Language Commissioner – Childcare Offer
- Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Education – 'Education in Wales: Our national mission' Action Plan
- Letter from Flexible Admissions Wales group – School Admissions Policy
- Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee – Petition P-05-751
Recognition of Parental Alienation
- Letter from the Chair of Finance Committee on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019-20

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the remainder of the meeting and the whole meeting on 4 July.

4.1 The Motion was agreed.

5 Consideration of the evidence received during the session with the Cabinet Secretary for Education

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard during the session. They agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for further information on some specific issues.

6 Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the key issues

6.1 The Committee discussed the key issues. The draft report would be considered at the next meeting.

7 Provision of textbooks and learning resources for pupils – Consideration of the draft report

7.1 There wasn't enough time to consider this item. Members agreed to put it on the agenda for next week's meeting.